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11. Embassy Islamabad nominates the following outstanding Pakistani female leaders for inclusion in the Women's Empowerment Strategy Session. The list includes women who represent the vast range of ethnicities, political affiliations, and vocations in Pakistan.

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12. In light of the request to highlight charismatic media personalities, Post also wishes to draw attention to an atypical candidate: Begum Nawazish Ali. Begum Nawazish Ali is actually the transvestite alter ego of Mr. Ali Salim. In the tradition of family-oriented cross-dressing entertainers, such as Milton Berle, Dana Carvey's "church Lady," and Barry Humphreys' "Dame Edna," Ali's character--the widow of a retired Army Colonel--hosts a bold and compelling talk show, "Late Night Show with Begum Nawazish Ali" on the popular "Aj TV" cable network. Begum Nawazish--who has been featured in "The New York Times" and in several other media outlets--has

become a popular media figure who, during the course of interviews with prominent politicians and celebrities, manages to tackle hard-hitting women's issues, social taboos, and topics that ordinary women in Pakistan are unable to broach.

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